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FCC ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION (CPNI) RULES

CC Docket No. 96-115; WC Docket No. 04-36

On April 2, 2007, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-115 and WC Docket No. 04-36 (*EPIC CPNI Order*)¹ in which the Commission strengthened its privacy rules, pursuant to section 222 of the Communications Act, as amended, by adopting additional safeguards to protect customers' customer proprietary network information (CPNI) against unauthorized access and disclosure.² The Commission stated that the rules adopted in the *EPIC CPNI Order* shall become effective upon publication in the Federal Register subject to OMB approval for new information collection requirements, or six months after the order's effective date, whichever is later.³ A summary of the *EPIC CPNI Order* was published in the Federal Register on June 8, 2007.⁴ OMB approved the information collection on December 6, 2007.⁵ Accordingly, the effective date of the rules adopted in the *EPIC CPNI Order* is **December 8, 2007**.⁶

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¹ *Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information; IP-Enabled Services*, CC Docket No. 96-115; WC Docket No. 04-36, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 22 FCC Rcd 6927 (2007) (*EPIC CPNI Order*).

² See 47 U.S.C. § 222.

³ See *EPIC CPNI Order*, 22 FCC Rcd at 6965, para. 84.

⁴ See 72 Fed. Reg. 31948 (June 8, 2007).

⁵ Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action, OMB Control No. 3060-0715 approved (Dec. 6, 2007).

⁶ For carriers satisfying the definition of a "small entity" or a "small business concern" under the Regulatory Flexibility Act or Small Business Act, the effective date of the online carrier authentication requirements in the *EPIC CPNI Order* will be June 8, 2008. See *EPIC CPNI Order*, 22 FCC Rcd at 6958-59, para. 61.